

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
May 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Supervisor who led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called, and members present were: VanderRoest, Balkema, Schug and Kramer. Absent: Samson. Also present were Peter Kiewit, Kathy VanderRoest, Tom McGhee, Alice Berger, and Jim Woodin.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Balkema/Schug moved to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Balkema/Schug moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted consisting of:

1. April 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Library Minutes
8. Attorney's Report
9. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/Minutes
10. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry said that there was an increase in the charge for the sewer project. After some phone calls, Jerry thought he had the fee back down to the original quote of \$35,000.
- b. Jerry said with the additional \$6,000 from the State distributed by the Road Commission and added to the Township portion of the current year PAR funds, the total payment for 38<sup>th</sup> Street will be under \$100,000. After a brief discussion of additional millage for the roads, the Board consensus was to use the option suggested by Township Attorney Craig Rolfe and Joanna Johnson of RCKC which had the Township collect .5 mils and send the taxes collected to the Road Commission for the work to be performed that year. Jerry will have the Township Attorney draw up the resolution for the vote.
- c. There was also a discussion on the designation of the Zoning Administrator. Previous Board minutes reflected that AGS was appointed to the position June 24, 2014. However, the Board failed to make the change that removed the term Zoning Administrator from the non-statutory duties of the Supervisor. This created confusion when the new Supervisor came on board. The Board decided to invite Bert Gale from AGS to the next Board meeting to discuss what roles the Zoning Administrator and the Supervisor will play.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that the South Well had its motor and pump replaced, sonar jet cleaning took place and an efficiency well and pump test was performed. The final figure was substantially more than the previous quote. Brenda reassured the Board that the Township would be able to pay the bill. Jerry will contact the company and discuss the situation. VanderRoest/Balkema **moved to pay \$35,380 to Northern Pump & Well Company for repair of the South Well. CARRIED**
- b. Jerry reported that the gravel mining permits were completed, the fees and insurance papers received, and the permits issued.
- c. Tom McGhee and Jim Woodin from Galesburg Speedway reported that they had finished removing the concrete pillars that the pit grandstands stood on. Jerry requested a picture of the area for the Township records and asked for reassurance that the pit area won't be expanded. He also reminded them that all permits must be approved by the Township Board. The stop work order will not be lifted until a fine is paid and the permits are obtained and paid for. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize separate permits to repair the roofs for two buildings at Galesburg Speedway. CARRIED** Jerry explained to representatives of the Galesburg Speedway that there is a \$150 charge from the Township for a Fireworks Permit. The permit is available online on the State of Michigan/LARA website. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize the Supervisor to grant two display fireworks permits to Galesburg Speedway contingent upon receipt of the completed application, the \$150 fee and proof of insurance for June 3, and July 4 with a rain date of July 7, 2018. CARRIED**

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Balkema/Schug moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

CITIZENS TIME:

Alice Berger, the Charleston Township library representative to Lawrence Memorial Library, gave the Board a synopsis of the activities at the library since she was appointed last September. She mentioned that the library was replacing their old computers with 5 new ones and that they were getting 12 Educational Launch Pads through a governmental grant. Peter Kiewit from Emerson Geophysical, LLC, explained the process of underground mapping, the equipment that is used and how long the company would be working on their project. He was also at the Board meeting to see if the Board was willing to include the Township property in mapping of the area in the search for oil. VanderRoest/Balkema **moved to approve the agreement with Emerson Geophysical, LLC to use seismic equipment on Township property for six months. CARRIED** Fred Reynolds, 3222 N 38<sup>th</sup> St., told the Board that his concrete driveway was just finished and now it is being marked for cutting as part of the 38<sup>th</sup> St rebuild. He was told to check with the Road Commission who is responsible for the roads. Jerry suggested that Mr. Reynolds should ask for an exception to keep the driveway as is. Mr. Reynolds was also reminded that the roadbed will be raised several inches and widened to 22 feet this year and next year before it is completed; he may want to wait until the project is finished before they apply a permanent solution.

MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry reported that the trip to Atlanta to talk to Georgia Pacific lawyers about the landfill was very successful. He also stated that Charleston did not have an agreement with Battle Creek for sewer even though Battle Creek has brought sewer into the Township. After meeting with them, Battle Creek said they would send an agreement to be reviewed. Jerry warned residents that the Seahorse Triathlon would be this Sunday, May 27, 2018 in the Cold Brook Park and MN Avenue area. There will be runners on the road.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Schug moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk